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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007

SPONSOR Begaye LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1093

SHORT TITLE NMSU WHEAT RESEARCH SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$300.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB437 and SB784

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (NMHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1093 makes an appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY08 for the Cooperative Extension Service to conduct wheat variety research trials and establish test pilots at agricultural science centers in Clovis, Farmington, and Las Cruces.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico State University's Agriculture Experimental Science Centers plan and are prepared to conduct test pilots for different wheat types. The research stations located in Clovis,

Farmington, and Las Cruces display differences in climates and soils. For example, the Farmington experimental station is located above 6,000 ft. in elevation and can provide valuable information for agricultural production at high elevations. The purpose of wheat research is to identify wheat varieties and expand upon current varieties that are suitable for New Mexico conditions.

This proposal was not submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) by NMSU and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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